

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A multi-purpose tool comprising:
a handle having a nose in which is formed a point of attachment for a flange;
the flange being inclined to and rotating with respect to the handle;
the flange including a hinge portion that is adapted to receive an accessory.
2. The multi-purpose tool of claim 1, wherein:
the flange has an underside that is concave, the nose having a flange contacting surface that makes contact with the underside of the flange.
3. The tool of claim 2, wherein:
the flange contacting surface of the nose is inclined to a long axis of the handle by about 35°.
4. The tool of claim 1, wherein:
the handle carries a clamp that selectively engages the flange to prevent it from swivelling.
5. The tool of claim 1, wherein:
the hinge portion further comprises a channel in which is formed a longitudinal gap.
6. The tool of claim 5, wherein:
the channel is open ended and is adapted to receive a hinge pin that protrudes from the channel.
7. The tool of claim 5, further comprising:
a head having hinge components that engage with the hinge portion so that the head pivots with respect to the flange.

8. The tool of claim 7, further comprising:
a detent mechanism between the channel and the head so as to stabilize the head so that a rear edge of the head is maintained in a forward facing position.
9. The tool of claim 6, wherein:
the pin further comprises retractable end pieces that are braced apart by a central compression spring.
10. The tool of claim 9, wherein:
each end piece has a tap that protrudes through the gap.
11. The tool of claim 7, wherein:
the head has a rear edge that is adapted to retain a squeegee blade and a bottom surface that removably receives an absorbent pad.
12. The tool of claim 1, further comprising:
an accessory edge tool that is received into the hinge portion.
13. The tool of claim 1, wherein:
a range of pivoting motion of the handle with respect to the flange is limited when the nose abuts the hinge portion.
14. A tool comprising:
a handle having a nose portion that is connected to a flange for swivelling motion;
the flange having a concave underside that makes contact with a cooperating face formed on the nose portion;
the flange being inclined with respect to the handle; and
the flange carrying an accessory.
15. The tool of claim 14, wherein:
the flange further comprises an open ended channel; and

the accessory is a squeegee blade carried by the channel.

16. The tool of claim 14, wherein:
the accessory is a head having a rear edge that is adapted to carry a squeegee blade and also having a bottom surface adapted to carry a removable surface tool.